(b) Delhi Police arrested 10 persons during the last three years in connection with bomb blast cases. Whereas, one of the persons arrested was discharged by the Court, the remaining nine are facing trial.

(c) The terrorist have the advantage of striking at a time and place of their choice. This makes it difficult to always prevent such incidents. However, it is because of the vigilance exercised by Police that several incidents of such nature were prevented.

(d) The action taken by Delhi Police to prevent terrorist activities include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; checking of persons and baggages particularly in crowded marked place of entertainment; checking of guest houses and religious places; and formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district.

Custody Death in Delhi

2836. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the custody deaths in Delhi has increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into these incidents; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A statutory inquest is conducted in case of each custodial death by the area Sub-Divisional Magistrate under section 176 Cr.P.C.

Leakage of Secret document relating to J and K

2837. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2000 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22-12-1999 and state :

(a) the details about the names/designation of the nine officials working in Foreigners' Division of Ministry who have been transferred on the basis of the report of the Intelligence Agency;

(b) the steps taken by his Ministry to further probe into the suspicious conduct of these officers as reported upon by the Intelligence Agency;

(c) whether there is any proposal to refer the case to CBI for investigation as transfer is not the remedy; and

(d) the present posting of these officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) Nine officials working in the Foreigners Division of this Ministry were transferred on the basis of the report of the Intelligence Agency which had found their conduct to be suspicious. The conduct of these officials has not come to adverse notice since their transfer. No further investigation into the matter is, therefore, considered necessary. The report from the Intelligence Agency is a classified document. It will, therefore, not be in public interest to disclose the contents of the report including the names of the officials.

New Legislation for Federal Crimes

2838. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are proposing to legislate a Bill regarding the concept of "federal crimes" to enable investigating agency like CBI to *suo moto* investigate certain offences, like hijacking of planes or attack on Central Government properties, etc. without the permission of the State Governments; and

(b) if so, when this Bill is going to be introduced and what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) The concept of "federal crimes" and need for having a Federal Law Enforcement Agency are being examined. The question of bringing about suitable legislation in this regard, if necessary, will be considered at the appropriate time.